

Old Town San Diego Community Plan Update Advisory Committee Meeting

January 17, 2012 • 3:00pm - 5:00pm
Caltrans District 11 Office Building, Wallace Room
4050 Taylor Street San Diego, CA 92110

Meeting Summary

The following were present:

City Staff: Nancy Bragado, Tait Galloway, Samir Hajjiri
Consultants: Christine Babla, Stephen Cook, Mark Peterson
Committee Members: Thurston Coe, Bruce Coons, Richard Dennison, Geoffrey Mogilner, Lorna Rice, Fred Schwartz, David Swarens, David Thornton
Public: Tim Allison, Leslie Blanda, Patti Boekamp, Sharon Cooney, Kathleen Ferrier, Greg Gastelum, Dennis Henderson, Cailin Hunsaker, Angel Iraheta, Tom Jenkins, Stephen Jones, Miriam Kirshner, Austin Lee, Rashir Patel, Greg Parks, Abel Siluas, David Swarens, Danny Veeh, Teresa Wilkinson, Chris Schmidt, David Schumacher, Rick Simon, Keith Wilshetz, Simon Andrews, Katrin Kunz

This meeting was called to order by David Thornton at 3:15. A quorum was not established.

- 1. Opening Remarks** Opening remarks were made by David Thornton and Tait Galloway. Introductions were made by those present.
- 2. Non-Agenda Public Comment** There was no non-agenda public comment.
- 3. Approval of Meeting Summary for the February 15, 2011 meeting** The minutes were not approved since there was not a quorum.
- 4. Old Town San Diego Chamber of Commerce**
 - a Simon Andrews presented an overview of signage and wayfinding concepts.
 - b Discussion from the Committee was related to details, specificity, and the role of this plan in relation to the Community Plan Update. It was generally agreed that the Community Plan should incorporate general policies for signage and wayfinding, and be coordinated with this effort, without being overly specific.
- 5. Cosoy Regional Circulation Plan Presentation**

Geoffrey Mogilner presented the Cosoy Regional Circulation Plan.

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6. Regional Transportation Projects and Plan Presentation

a SANDAG/MTS

- Dave Schumacher presented the 2050 regional Transportation Plan and an overview of the future Intermodal Transit Center (ITC).
- Greg Castelum presented the Mid-Coast Light Rail Transit Project.

CALTRANS

- Chris Schmidt provided an overview of planned CALTRANS operational improvements.

b Discussion on SANDAG, MTS, and CALTRANS presentations included the following:

- There was discussion from a committee member recommending that the agencies consider a land swap, exchanging the State Park parking lot with the Old Caltrans building, with the intent of creating a parking lot for the State Park, closer to the State Park, and building a mixed-use project at the current State Park/MTS parking lot.
- It was confirmed that there is not a new station planned at Old Town.
- The suggestion was made by a committee member to consider “themed” transit stops.
- There was discussion from a committee member stressing the need for a parking structure and a regional solution to parking, particularly to address the regional pressure on Old Town to serve as a transit hub.
- There was discussion from a committee member questioning the future functionality of the at-grade rail crossing, and potential options for future grade separation.

c SAN DIEGO COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

- Keith Wilshetz provided an overview of planned improvements, including the Airport Master Plan and Destination Lindberg.
- Discussion included the following:
 - There was a question related to a second runway. Keith Wilshetz stated that there are no plans for a second runway, and it is considered infeasible.
 - There was a question related to the Authority’s position on the alignment of the High Speed Rail. Keith Wilshetz stated that the Airport Authority did not take a position, and they would work with whatever specific connection was identified, i.e. at grade, below-grade, or elevated.



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d CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

- Rick Simon provided an overview of potential alignment options.
- Discussion from the Committee included concern over both noise and visual impacts. Comments included:
- Consider stopping the High Speed Rail North of Old Town
- Consider an at-grade and/or below-grade alignment

7. Old Town Mobility Existing Conditions Presentation

- This agenda item was postponed until the February 21st meeting.

8. Next Steps

The Advisory Committee will meet on February 21st with the following agenda items: Mobility Existing Conditions Presentation, Economic Market Assessment, and Overview of Update, Process, Schedule, and Objectives.

9. Closing The meeting was closed by Tait Galloway at 5pm.

